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Plant Blight-Resistant

CHESTNUT TREES



Rumbaugh Chestnut Farm

DUNCANNON, PENNSYLVANIA

(Perry County)

To My Customers and Friends of 1941

Greetings:

Chestnut growing is rapidly coming to the front, not only as a hobby but also as a profitable commercial crop. Before the war millions of pounds of chestnuts were imported into this country each year from southern Europe.

These nuts should and could be grown at home. Trees come into bearing as soon as apple trees, and are a most promising venture for the farmer. These trees will live and bear profitable crops for future generations.

Chestnut trees make good shade, and are beautiful and attractive as ornamental specimens. Instead of merely getting a job of raking and burning a crop of leaves each fall from other trees, why not plant a few chestnut trees and put away a supply of nuts for the family. Or, plant a few trees in a corner of a field and build a fence around them, to furnish food for the squirrels and other wild life. They will enjoy it and you will help to make game more plentiful.

Chestnuts come into bearing very young. I have trees in my nursery bearing 2 to 6 burrs at 3 years from planting the seed. At 10 years I have trees which yielded 10 quarts of nuts.

Chestnuts bear annually. They bloom about the middle of June and so are not injured by frost. They require very little pruning, no spraying, no ladder climbing. They ripen from mid September to October. They fall from the burrs when ripe, as the burrs open before frost, and what a treat to roast a few on the stove or cook in water, and eat in the cool fall evenings.

WHEN AND HOW TO PLANT

Just as soon in spring as severe freezing is over and ground is fit to work in is best time, because after the last of April buds are bursting and trees are likely to die. Planting may also be done in late fall, after trees are dormant and before freezing weather sets in. Early planting is best. Our trees are all dug fresh from the nursery, as ordered, and shipped to you, or you can come to the nursery and pick the trees you want.

When planting chestnut trees, two or more should be planted as they need cross-pollination for well filled burrs. They should be planted 18 to 20 feet apart for good results. The manner of growth is somewhat like an apple tree. Plant them on upland ground, never on low or swampy places. They thrive on stony soil. The trees require an acid soil like strawberries. Never use lime about chestnut trees.

When planting, dig a hole about 2 feet square and 1 foot deep. Put 3 inches of manure or rotten leaves in the bottom, cover the manure or leaves with a light layer of soil and set in the tree. Use good top soil well firmed about the roots, and if a dry summer keep well watered and mulch with sawdust, leaves or old manure.

VARIETIES

We grow only one variety—Chinese Sweet Hybrid—as they are blight resistant. The nut is medium to large in size but of the very best quality, sweet like the old American nut. Seeds for these trees were produced in my own orchard, in which we have already planted over 750 trees. Hence, they are hardy to our climate—no winter injury. They are very prolific bearers. The glassy leaves and large clusters of burrs make them a very beautiful ornamental tree.

GUARANTEE

We make it a rule never to sell a tree that we do not feel would live and thrive if planted and cared for by ourselves. Although we do not replace trees that die from careless planting and lack of care, we guarantee our trees to be carefully selected, dug, packed and delivered to transportation company in good condition, or you may visit the farm and select the trees you want.

OUR LOCATION

The nursery is located 3 miles west of Duncannon, Perry County, Pennsylvania, on Route 274, just off the highway a short distance.

REFERENCES

As to our reliability we refer you to the Duncannon National Bank, Duncannon, Pa.

TERMS

Remittance may be made in any way that is convenient. Personal checks will be accepted from responsible persons or you can send a money order.

PRICES F. O. B. DUNCANNON, PA.

Size	Each	Per Dozen
2 to 3 ft.	\$.75	\$ 8.00
4 to 5 ft.	1.00	10.00
5 to 6 ft.	1.50	15.00

Address all inquiries to

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